units—those making enough profits and in the top income brackets. In such cases the reduction of tax rates offsets the hardship, if any, caused to the publishers as a result of the withdrawal of this tax concession.

(e) No, Sir.

Closure of Empress Mills, Nagpur

2233. SHRI S. W. DHABE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Empress Mills situated at Nagpur in Maharashtra State is facing closure;

(b) what is the number of workers employed there;

(c) what are the reasons for closure of this oldest mill in Vidarbha area of the Maharashtra State; and

(d) what steps Government are taking to prevent the closure of this mill?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) to (c) As per the information available with the Government the management of Empress Mills had put-up a notice declaring its intention to close the mill from 5.5.1986 on account of alleged heavy losses. The average daily employment in the mill is reported to be 5465.

(d) As envisaged in the New Textile Policy, Government has set-up a Nodal Agency to evolve and manage rehabilitation packages in respect of sick textile mills which are potentially viable.

Proceeds of Income Tax

2234. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to hand over the entire proceeds of the Income Tax to the States; and

(b) if so, whether this proposal has since been referred to the Sarkaria Commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Share of Income Tax to States

2235. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that States are getting less than their dues from income-tax proceeds for the past few years;

(b) whether Government's attention has since been drawn to the Study made by Dr. Hem Latha Rao in this respect; and

(c) if so, what is the Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The payments to States of their share of income tax is governed by the relevant provisions of the Constitution and also the recommendations of the Finance Commission. The initial payment in a year is based on the revised estimates of collections, cost of collections etc. of that year. The final payment is made on the basis of the figures of net proceeds certified by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India. According to the figures certified by the Comptroller and Auditor General, a recovery of Rs. 25.99 crores was made in 1980-81 relating to the years 1972-73 to 1976-77. In 1981-82 a recovery of Rs. 52.41 crores was made relating to year 1977-78.

In 1982-83 a further payment of Rs. 40.95 crores was made relating to the year 1978-79. In 1983-84 a further payment of Rs 38 41 crores was made relating to the year 1979-80. The figures in the article are on the basis of the figures given in the Finance Accounts while the final payment according to the Constitution is to be regulated on the basis of the net proceeds of tax as certified by the Comptroller and Auditor General.

Purchase of flats by Canara Bank in Bombay

2236. DR. BAPPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Canara Bank, Bombay has purchased four flats at Cuffe Parade Road, Bombay at a cost of Rs. 32 lakhs; and

(b) what are the details thereof and the names of the persons, companies, housing societies etc. from whom these flats were purchased?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) According to information furnished by Canara Bank, if has purchased 4 flats in Jupitor Apartment at Cuffe Parade Road, Bombay, at a total cost of Rs. 32 lakhs. The details of the purchase of these flats are as under:—

(i)	Carpet area of each flat.	1342 sq. ft.
(ii)	Vendors Name	(a) Flat Nos. 21 and 22 M/s. Ramnik Lal & Co.
		(b) Flat No. 44 M/s. Krishna Transport Co.
		(c) Flat No. 273 M/s. Bombay Steel Sales Corporation.

Instructions to banks etc. on Congress Centenary Celebrations

2237. SHRI BISWA GOSWAMI:
DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry issued directive to the nationalised banks and public sector units to hire Pavillions in Congress Centenary Exhibition space in Bombay on the 16th December, 1985;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the amount advance by the nationalised banks and the public sector units for booking the space in the Exhibition and at what rate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Finance had not issued any directives to the banks, financial institutions and other undertakings under its administrative control in regard to participation in Congres Centinary Exhibition at Bombay. However, they were permitted to take decisions in the matter in the light of their own commercial judgement.

(c) According to information readily available the Joint Publicity Committee (JPC), on behalf of all the public sector banks, and the Life Insurance Corporation and the General Insurance Corporation had taken up a stall space of 1000 sq. ft. each for their commercial publicity at a cost of Rs. 1.5 lakhs each in Centenary Industrial Exhibition held in Bombay in December 1985/January 1986.